

Title: Blackrock

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Blackrock, the unbreakable, jet black mineral that is found only in the deepest of mines. Numerous experiments have been performed with this newly discovered mineral, including those by Rudyom of Cove, and others.

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Blackrock, while widely known in intellectual circles, is far from common, and is in fact the rarest known mineral, surpassing even gold. Known deposits have been located in both the Minoc and Vesper mines, first mined by the Fellowship for use in creating the Black Gate. This mineral is not limited to our own world, either. According to the Avatar's companions in the Serpent isle, the Ophidians used blackrock in the construction of their holy objects. Also, found among the Avatar's journal entries from the time of the Guardian's first invasion, blackrock was used in many of the planes that he traveled

to.

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